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Letter from Ruby Willis, Wellesley, Massachusetts,
to Dr. and Mrs. William H. Willis, Reading,
Massachusetts, 1908 March 21

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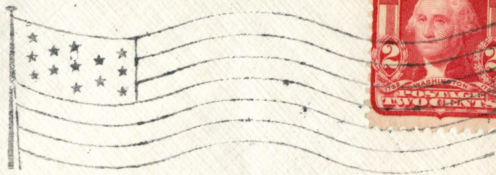
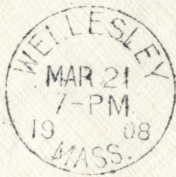
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Just Grand



Dr. & Mrs. William H. Willis,

Reading,

Massachusetts.

[Mar-21-1908]



Dear mamie & papa, —

I am very, very happy, — I don't know when I have been so pleased over anything since I found out that I was to be valedictorian of my class in P. H. S. Well, the thing I am so pleased about is that my name was on the list of Durant scholars read in chapel this morning. This is the day, the last Saturday before vacation, when the list is regularly read, & I'm willing to

acknowledge now that I was pretty much excited when I went to Chapel this morning. There was a mob at chapel, including many Faculty who almost never go. As for the scholarships, you know they are purely honor ones, divided into 2 classes, the Durant scholarships which are the higher ones, & then the Wellerley scholarships which are a little lower. In my wildest dreams I never expected anything higher than to be on the end list, among the Wellerley College scholars, and I hardly hoped for that, You can hardly imagine, then, how ~~so~~ surprised & happy I was when Miss Hazard read my name on the Durant

list. I certainly never expected it, & I am so pleased, chiefly because I know you will be pleased & proud of your girlie. It is rather mean of me, I suppose, but I am glad I have done at least as well as Gertrude Francis did, - she was a Wellesley College scholar, never a Durant. Of course she got a Phi Beta Kappa, which I never expect to have, but then I am sufficiently pleased for now. I have been receiving congratulations all the morning - it is really most exciting.

Margery is here, & I think we are going to have a very nice time. I am so glad it is such a beautiful day, & I do hope to-morrow will be as pleasant. I couldn't wait to let Margery tell you, my dear ones, so I thought I would write just a note. I suppose the list of the scholarships will appear in the Sunday papers, & if you see it, I wish you would cut it out for me. Please don't think I am too puffed-up, but you see I have to appear just mildly pleased around here, & this is letting off steam. Margery & I are going for a walk now, & then to the Periwinkle for afternoon tea. Aren't we sports?

With heaps of love, from
Peuby.